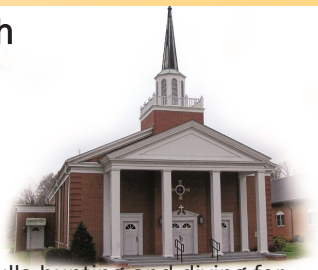


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Nationwide Mass Times

Call 1-734-794-2100 or www.masstimes.org

Opportunities for Life Hotline

Call (800) 822-5824 for help for those experiencing an untimely pregnancy.

Does Your Marriage Need Help?

Call 800-470-2230 or www.retrouvaille.org

Membership in the Parish

We give a hearty welcome to all new families moving into our Parish. Please register in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Families who plan to move from our parish community are requested to inform us.

Bulletin Articles

Deadline for submission of bulletin articles is on Monday.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Phone 270-295-3494
Store hours: M-F 10-4 pm, Sat. 10-2 pm
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinariness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.



God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

Celebration of the Sacraments

Baptism • Baptism takes place on Sundays during Mass or following Mass. Please call Fr. Terry to schedule a date and for baptismal prep. Baptism for older youths and adults either occurs at the Easter Vigil or before receiving other sacraments.

Eucharist • First Eucharist is typically celebrated during May each year with children in the second grade.

Confirmation • Is celebrated in the seventh and eighth grades or at the Easter Vigil. The Bishop visits every two years and we alternate between the two parishes.

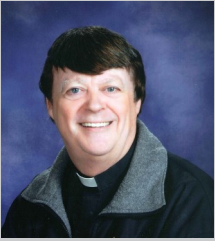
Holy Orders • Contact Fr. Terry if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood or Religious Life.

Marriage • Contact Fr. Terry at least 6 mo before setting a date to begin marriage preparation. Couples may be asked to attend Pre Cana or Engaged Encounter.

Reconciliation • Before or after any Mass, or by appointment with Fr. Terry. First Reconciliation is celebrated during Advent.

Anointing of the Sick • Celebrated twice a year at the weekend Masses. Anyone who is ill, infirmed or going to surgery may request an anointing by calling Fr. Terry.

Mass attendance is mandatory for those requesting Sacraments per Fr. Terry



The Grace and Strength To Go On

In our readings this weekend the focus is on persevering and doing what must be done even when the obstacles are great. Just as the prophet Ezekiel was rejected by his own people so it is that Jesus also was ridiculed by the folks in His hometown. For the followers of Christ one must remember that the journey will not always be smooth and easy, but Christ calls us to persevere and to keep our eyes focused on Him. In our own lives we too are called to follow Jesus even when we are faced with ridicule and rejection. Let our prayer be for the strength and the grace to carry out the Lord's will in our lives.

Have a good week, Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

Jesus was "amazed" at the lack of faith his fellow Nazareans had in him, suggesting Jesus expected a different response. Why do you think the villagers of Nazareth "took offense" at Jesus?



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families of Judy Pate and Family with the recent passing of her son Owen Pate. May the Lord embrace them in His eternal Love.



Catholic Trivia-Just for Fun

The container that holds water at the door of a Catholic parish is called:

- a) Font
- b) Holy bowl
- c) Chalice
- d) Pew

Check the bulletin next week for the answer!

Safe Environment

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities at 270-526-3871; local law enforcement at 270-927-1311 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available in this parish on the bulletin board, in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).



Thank You so much to everyone for your love prayers and support with the recent passing of my son, Owen. Your generosity gave us more than enough to pay for Owen's funeral expenses! Thank you to Fr. Terry for the beautiful Mass and homily and to everyone in the choir who sang so beautifully. Thank you to all the ladies who organized and served at the funeral meal and all those who provided food for the meal. Thank you to all who visited, prayed and cried with us. We are blessed to have so many family and friends who care and have

shown their love to us in the recent days. God Bless you all. Judy Pate and family.



Tuesday, July 6

8:00 am † Betty Brown SC
By Ellis and Sharon Russelburg

Wednesday, July 7

5:30 pm † Otto Walz IC
By Dorothy Jackson

Thursday, July 8

8:00 am † Wayne Buck SC
By Denis and Martha Wheatley

Friday, July 9

8:00 am † Leon Rhodes IC
By Chic and Martha Morris

Saturday, July 10

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

Sunday, July 11

8:30 am † Ruth Madden SC
By Faye Wettstain and Mary Hawkins
10:30 am † Alice Devine IC
By Clayton and Gloria Gray

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date July 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

A listing of online Mass locations and times are on our website: icsc-church.org

You may also join St Columba Live on our Facebook page on Sundays at 8:30am.

TV Channels for other Masses

DirecTV	CH 370
Dish	CH 261
Antenna	CH 45 at 6:00am



Immaculate Conception Mission Statement

As people chosen by God through our baptism, the parish of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is called to make Christ visible in our family, community and the world. We proclaim God's word in worship, through the sacraments, in hospitality, teaching, repentance, forgiveness and service.

Our goal is that all people may come to know and share in the salvation of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Sunday, July 4

9:30am Donut Sunday SC



Monday, July 5

Mower of the Week- Scott Basham SC

Tuesday,

7am -7pm Adoration IC

Thursday,

7am -4pm Adoration SC

Sunday, July 11

9:30am SC Parish Life Teams SC
to meet in St. Joseph's
Classroom

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers

Beginning in July we will resume all Mass ministries except for Ministers of the Cup. Denise is using a new scheduling program and needs your help to obtain your info. All ministers old and new please complete a ministry information form and return it to her or drop it in the collection. If you are signing up for a new ministry Denise will contact you to schedule an appointment and will be happy to walk you through the steps and get you on the schedule! Saturday night ministries will continue as volunteer. Please help Fr. Terry by volunteering to minister.

Sunday July 11

St. Columba 8:30am

Mass Coord	Judy Pate
Cross Bearer	David Emmick
Lector	Mike Fallin
Eucharistic Min	Rosemary Emmick
Gift Bearers	Wes Poole Family
Greeter/Usher:	Denny Long
	Butch Meriwether

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Mass Coord	Eva Bulleit
Cross Bearer	Carter Severs
Lector:	Mary Woodward
Eucharistic Min	Marilyn McCaslin
Gift Bearers	Nick Severs Family
Greeter/Usher:	Nick Severs Family



Why Do We Do That?

Question: Our Catholic grade school is doing a penance service this Lent. Do young children really need to go to Confession? How much sin can they really have?

Answer:

Ask any mom about her children and see how many would say she has a brood of perfect angels! Parents know that kids do things that are wrong ... and they often know they're doing it! Even toddlers have a sense of right and wrong. The Church recognizes that their minds and consciences are not yet fully developed, however, and typically waits until age seven to offer the sacrament of Confession. Around that age and beyond, most young people, when asked, can easily explain why something is wrong.

Confession for children is an excellent way to help them reflect on their actions and accept responsibility for their behavior. It helps them to grow in their understanding of sin and how it affects others. This helps them to form their consciences and make better choices in the future. Most importantly, they learn the value of forgiveness, both given and received. Rather than singling out what's wrong, Confession offers hope and a new start! Children can grow in understanding God's unconditional love and develop a sense of inner dignity that transcends their failings. Not bad for five minutes and an "Our Father" or two!

OWENSBORO AREA AND ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Co-ed/Pick-up Softball

THURSDAY NIGHTS 7:30PM-9:00PM

PARTICIPANT AGE: 18-39

You Are Invited to Play Ball!

Beginning July 22 each week we will divide up in teams, have a short prayer and play ball! No experience required. Its all for fun. We will meet at Field #5 (one with lights) behind St. Pius X Catholic Church 3536 E. 8th St. Please bring a glove, bat or any other equipment you have.

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal\$3,173.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00
Collection 6-27-21 <u>\$2,809.00</u>	Collection 6-27-21 <u>\$1,415.00</u>
Difference under \$364.00	Difference under \$1,085.00
Mass Attendance 47/109	Mass Attendance 92
Week # 52 of 52	Week # 52 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$164,996	Fiscal YTD Goal\$130,000
Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$169,594	Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$127,927

St. Columba Mission Statement

We, St. Columba Parish, are a living family of God committed to deepening and sharing our faith. We immerse ourselves deeper in our baptism to reach out to those in need, call people to recognize their talents and pray for guidance to lead all people to experience the light of Christ.